(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) As per the guidelines issued by the Department of Public Enterprises in 1993, the Central Public Sector Enterprises have already been authorised to conclude the long term wage settlements with their workers' unions and implement them.

इस्पात के उत्पादन में वृद्धि

774. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:** क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या इस्पात के उत्पादन में वृद्धि करने के लिए उनके मंत्रालय के बजट आवंटन में वृद्धि करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इस्पात के और अधिक उत्पादन को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए उनके मंत्रालय द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये जाने का विचार है?

इस्पात मंत्री और खान मंत्री (श्री बीरेन्द्र प्रसाद वैश्य): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) उपरोक्त (क) को मद्देनजर रखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) सरकार ने देश में इस्पात के उत्पादन में वृद्धि करने के लिए अनेक कदम उठाए हैं। सरकारी क्षेत्र के इस्पात संयंत्रों के आधुनिकीकरण और विस्तार संबंधी कार्यक्रम शुरू गए किए हैं। निजी क्षेत्र में इस्पात के उत्पादन की अतिरिक्त क्षमता सृजित करने की सुविधा के लिए तथा इसे प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए सरकार ने भी विभिन्न नीतिगत उपाय किए हैं। ये उपाय निम्नानुसार हैं:—

(1) सरकारी क्षेत्र के लिए आरक्षित उद्योगों की सूची से लोहा और इस्पात को निकालना।

(2) लोहा तथा इस्पात उद्योग को अनिवार्य लाइसेंसिंग के प्रावधानों से छूट देना।

(3) विदेशी निवेश के प्रयोजन से लोहा और इस्पात को उच्च प्राथमिकता प्राप्त उद्योगों की सूची में शामिल करना।

(4) लोहा और इस्पात के मूल्य-निर्धारण और वितरण पर से नियन्त्रण समाप्त करना ।

(5) पूंजीगत माल के आयात पर शुल्क को कम करना।

(6) आयात एवं निर्यात नीति का उदारीकरण।

Negative List for MNCs

775. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government is drawn to the news-item appearing in the 'Times of India' dated 27th June, 1996, under the caption "Negative list for MNCs may be extremely narrow"; and

(b) if so, whether the list has since been drawn up and by when it will be laid on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per available information, no such list has been drawn up so for.

National Commission for Minorities

776. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are awere that the National Commission for Minorities is functioning without sufficient number of members;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to fill up these posts;

(c) the number of reports submitted by the National Commission for Minorities during last two years and how many of them have been accepted by Government; and

(d) what is total amount provided for this Commission?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) With the

completion of the tenure of the Chairperson and other Members of the National Commission for Minorities, the matter regarding reconstitution of the Commission is under consideration of the Government;

(c) The National Commission for Minorities has submitted two Annual Reports for the years 1993-94 and 1994-95. The recommendations made by the Commission in these reports are being examined.

(d) The total amount provided to the National Commission for Minorities during 1996-97 is Rs. 160.00 lakhs.

Vocational Institute for Handicapped in Punjab

777. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) details of Centrally sponsored vocational institutes for the handicapped people in the country, State-wise, particularly in the State of Punjab;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to set up a vocational institute in the State of Punjab for handicapped people during current financial year;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) steps taken by Government to remove difficulties and provide financial help to handicapped people in State of Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (c) There is no Centrally sponsored scheme of vocational institutes for the handicapped people being implemented by the Ministry of Welfare. However, Ministry of Labour (DGE&T) has set up 17 Vocational Rehabilitation Centres for handicapped persons in 16 States/UTs including Punjab as in Statement—I (*see* below)

(d) A statement containing steps taken by the Government for the Welfare of the handicapped persons in the country including the State of Punjab is at Statement—II.

STATEMENT—I

Vocational Institutes for Handicapped in Punjab

S. No.	State	Place
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad
2.	Assam	Guwahati
3.	Bihar	Patna
4.	Gujarat	Ahmedabad Vadodara
5.	Karnataka	Banglore
6.	Kerala	Trivandrum
7.	Madhya Pradesh	Jabalpur
8.	Maharashtra	Bombay
9.	Orissa	Bhubaneshwar
10.	Punjab	Ludhiana
11.	Rajasthan	Jaipur
12.	Tamil Nadu	Madras
13.	Tripura	Agartala
14.	Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur
15.	West Bengal	Calcutta
16.	Delhi	Delhi

STATEMENT-II

Steps taken by the Govt. of Punjab for the Welfare of the Handicapped Persons

(1) ***Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for the Disabled***

Under this scheme, assistance is provided to voluntary organisations to run rehabilitation programmes for the disabled. It is a comprehensive scheme covering different areas of rehabilitation physically, phychological, social and economic. Financial support is given to the extent of 90% of the total project cost (upto 95% for the rural areas) for recurring items like staff salary, maintenance charges, contingencies and non-recurring items like construction of building, equipment, furniture. Financial assistance is given for the projects such as vocational training centres, special schools, counselling centres, hostels, training centres for personnels, placement services etc.

(2) ***Establishment and Development of Special Schools***

The scheme envisages assistance to the NGOs to the extent of 90 for establish-